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Russ Carnahan Encourages People to Give Back to Community

(ST. LOUIS, MO) -- Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) announced today at The Salvation Army - St. Louis Temple that more than \$3.7 Million has been awarded to Missouri by the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program. More than \$1 Million is being set aside to help care for those struggling during today's difficult economic climate for St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Jefferson County, which in part make up Missouri's 3rd

Congressional District. After making the announcement, Congressman Carnahan volunteered at The Salvation Army where he encouraged others to do the same and help out in anyway they can.

“Those who have been in the position to give their time or money in the past are now asking for help themselves,” said Congressman Carnahan. **“As we continue working to rebuild our nation’s economy it’s important for those who are able to, to give their time or money and help those in need.”**

The funds are used to help individuals and families with non-disaster, temporary emergency needs including meals and nights of shelter to the hungry and homeless. Additional jurisdictions in Missouri may be selected at a later date. The EFSP program includes representatives from the American Red Cross; Catholic Charities USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation

Army; and, United Way Worldwide. United Way Worldwide serves as Secretariat and Fiscal Agent to the National Board as well as St. Louis' local board and provides supplemental funding to shelters, soup kitchens, and food banks.

“Today’s economy combined with the recent bitterly cold temperatures makes service to our community that much more important,” said Congressman Carnahan. **“Economists say the recession is over, but the reality is that far too many people are continuing to look for jobs. It’s up to all of us to work together including giving back to our community so we emerge from this economic crisis stronger than before.”**

The following jurisdictions are receiving funds and will be administered by local boards:

St. Louis	City
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\$230,640

St. Louis	County
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\$654,001

Jefferson	County
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\$168,466

Missouri’s 3rd Congressional District Total

\$1,053,107

Franklin County

\$89,233

Lincoln County

\$43,897

St. Charles County

\$224,157

St. Francois County

\$44,876

Warren County

\$26,377

Washington County

\$20,858

St. Louis , **Mo.** **Metrop**

Missouri **Total**

\$1,502,505

\$3,771,455

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